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TOPIC Finsterwalde-South Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. The Finsterwalde-South (N 52/A 15) airfield was observed between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on 6 October 1950. Five twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes with double rudder assemblies were parked on the southern edge of the field, west of the most western hangar. A biplane was parked east of the low-wing monoplanes. The southeastern section of the landing field could not be observed as the field was uneven. More aircraft were possibly parked in front of the hangars. The door of the westernmost hangar was half open but the other hangars were closed. *
2. No construction work was being done at the field. The work on the runway, landing field, and northern edge of the field was completed. ** The dredge was removed but construction equipment, timber, and disassembled sheds were still piled on the southeastern edge of the field. The runway, which extends in an E-W direction slightly beyond the middle of the landing field, could be observed from the Finsterwalde-Ruhland (N 52/A 23) road only about as far as the center of the field. No taxiways or radio installations were in the section of the field which could be seen. The barracks buildings at the Finsterwalde railroad station seemed unoccupied. The guard previously posted there was not seen. The block of settlement buildings just south of the road to Schacksdorf (N 52/A 14), behind the intersection with Highway No 96, was occupied by civilians.

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3. A biplane took off from the field. There was no flying except the take-off by an east-northeast-bound biplane at 12:10 p.m. Preparations for more take-offs were not seen.

* Comment. The airfield was not occupied by an air unit while construction was being done on the runway. This is the first information on a reoccupation of the field by twin-engine aircraft. The report does not indicate the aircraft strength. It was known that the airfield was occupied by a bomber regiment. The regiment is possibly the same that was stationed in Finsterwalde prior to construction work and was temporarily transferred to Jelazow.

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*** [] Comment. This is the first information that the construction work was completed. It is believed to be possible as work was last being done only in the eastern section of the runway. []

The construction work was completed by 1 October 1950 as was also observed in Cottbus. []

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Bomber regiment [] was stationed in Finsterwalde before construction work was started. 50X1-HUM

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